

**TOWN OF WINTER
Ordinance 2009-2**

An Ordinance Establishing Fire Protection Charges

WHEREAS, 1983 Wisconsin Act 532 authorizes Towns to charge property owners a portion or all of the costs of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the Town of Winter to charge all or a portion of the costs of such protection to owners of the property;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Winter Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows:

Section 1 – State Authority

Pursuant to Section 60.55, 60.555, and 60.557 of Wisconsin Statutes, the Town of Winter, Sawyer County hereby establishes the following policy and procedure for the payment of all or a portion of fire costs incurred by Town of Winter property owners as a result of fire calls to their property.

Section 2 – Liability for Fire Protection Costs

The owners of real property within the Town of Winter for which fire protection is provided shall be responsible for the costs of fire calls made to their property by the Winter Fire Department, or any department called out for mutual aid, based on the following schedule but not to exceed a total charge of \$500:

Primary Engine	First hour	\$100 per hour or part of
	Second/subsequent hrs	\$75 per hour or part of
Pumper truck	First hour	\$75 per hour or part of
	Second/subsequent hrs	\$50 per hour or part of
Tanker truck	First hour	\$60 per hour or part of
	Second/subsequent hrs	\$40 per hour or part of
Other fire department owned vehicles		\$35 per hour
Firemen	First hour per man	\$20 per hour or part of
	Second/subsequent hrs	\$15 per hour or part of
Materials	Water	actual charge for amount used
	Foam	\$85 per gallon
	Air packs	\$15 per tank

Section 3 – Billing and Payment Procedure

The costs of fire calls as outlined above shall be billed by the Town of Winter Clerk to the property owner and paid to the Town of Winter within 90 days of the date of the bill. Failure to pay the bill within 60 days will result in interest being charged at the rate of 1% per month from the date of the bill. Those bills remaining outstanding, including interest, for more than 90 days as of November 1 of any year, shall be reviewed by the Town of Winter Board of Supervisors and may be placed on the tax roll as a delinquent special charge pursuant to Section 66.60 of Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 4 – Severability of Provisions

Should any section or provisions of this ordinance be declared invalid, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 5 – Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect from date of passage and posting as provided by law.

Adopted this 10th day of June, 2009.

Wayne Geist, Chairman

David Kinsley, Supervisor

Helen Dennis, Supervisor

Filed this 10th day of June, 2009

Arlene Bishop, Clerk